



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Who Is My Neighbor?

*Jesus answered [the lawyer] 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. And [Jesus] said to him, 'You have given the right answer.' . . . the lawyer asked Jesus 'And who is my neighbor?' (Luke 10:27-29)*

Who is my neighbor? A question from a legal expert in the crowd surrounding Jesus prompts the telling of the story of The Compassionate Samaritan. We are intimately familiar with the story. It is well-known by nearly everyone. Civil laws bear the title "Good Samaritan Law". The gist of those laws is basic human kindness. When we see someone in need, we stop to help them without regard for legal or personal consequences. But, something in our culture inhibits our inclination to respond to our neighbor's need. Fear? Anger? Suspicion? Individualism? What is it?

The consequences of inaction are devastating. What can we do? How can we help? We can speak. Speak against the fear, anger and suspicion aimed at our Muslim brothers and sisters. Speak with compassion toward immigrants. Speak in support of the LGBTQ community. Speak with kindness and compassion about the mentally ill. Speak the truth to the powerful.

We can console. So many in the LGBTQ community are grieving the loss of sisters and brothers, friends and family in Orlando. Console them. Stand beside them. Comfort them. Parents are still grieving the loss of their children at Sandy Hook Elementary School. We can volunteer to assist in a public school classroom, showing by our presence that we are not afraid.

We can be revolutionaries. Jesus gives us permission to be counter-cultural. Instead of insulating and isolating, we are called to walk beside the oppressed, the blind, the poor, the widow and the orphan. The priest passed by the man in need. The Levite passed by, also. It was the reviled Samaritan who risked personal safety and financial health to assist a fellow traveler who was in desperate need.

Who is my neighbor? may be the wrong question. To whom am I called to be neighbor? Who am I called to love in the same way that I love myself? may be the better questions. Jesus leads the lawyer to self-examination by asking the question: *'Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'* The lawyer got the answer right, we get the answer right. *The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him'.* What, then are we to do? *Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise' (Luke 10:36-37).*

The exchange between the lawyer and Jesus is based on the legal interpretation of Leviticus 19:18: *"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself"*. The lawyer requires defensible answers. Jesus requires compassionate action. Go and do likewise.

Pastor Dorothy

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MORTGAGE  
BURNING PARTY

Sunday, July 31  
3 pm

Barbeque following



CTK POTLUCK

July 10

Following Worship

## Living in the Word

Christ the King joins with Protestant Christians around the world by following The Revised Common Lectionary. A three-year cycle of assigned readings from Holy Scripture on which our weekly worship is based. This is year three, or Cycle C as it is known. You are invited to incorporate these readings into your daily Bible study in preparation for each Sunday's message.

### Pentecost 7 (July 3)

Isaiah 66:10-14  
Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:1-16  
Luke 10:1-11. 16-20

### Pentecost 8 (July 10)

Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### Pentecost 9 (July 17)

Genesis 18:1-10a  
Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### Pentecost 10 (July 24)

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-19  
Luke 11:1-3

### Pentecost 11 (July 31)

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21



## No One Is Monolingual

Reflections on Spanish Intensive Continuing Education  
by Pastor Dorothy Cottingham

<sup>33</sup> *No hagan sufrir al extranjero que viva entre ustedes. <sup>34</sup> Trátenlo como a uno de ustedes; ámenlo, pues es como ustedes. Además, también ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto. Yo soy el Señor su Dios (Levítico 19:33-34 Dios Habla Hoy).*

If you struggled to read the text, you are not alone. Millions of Latino/a immigrants struggle with daily tasks because they cannot read or understand English. The typical response we hear in this country is "you are in America, learn the language". The issues at hand are much more complex than can be solved by learning a language.

Thank you for supporting your pastor on a week-long Spanish Intensive. The weather in Austin, TX was volatile. High winds, thunderstorms and torrential rains caused much of the area to be under flood watch the entire week. Nine soldiers drowned when their military vehicle was swept into the flood waters at Fort Hood, just 80 miles north of Austin.

The discussions in the classroom of Lutheran Seminary in the Southwest were nearly as turbulent as the weather. Old assumptions were stripped away as we Anglos listened to our Latin@ colleagues and leaders share their stories of "coming to America". The journey is often circuitous and always difficult. Once in the U.S., integration and assimilation are thwarted in surprising ways, even by the church, sometimes especially by the church.

How will this continuing education experience bless Christ the King Lutheran Church? I asked that question in February when registering for this intensive. Two weeks before my departure I received an email from St. James Episcopal Church, our neighbor on Bull Mountain Road. St. James has opened their doors to a thriving Hispanic house church. On Sunday, July 31 at 6pm, they will celebrate their 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of inclusion in the mission and ministry of St. James.

Fr. Bob Williams invites us to join them, following our mortgage burning celebration. What better way to welcome the stranger than to walk alongside them in their joy as well as their frustration? We were all once aliens. Alienated from God we have been made righteous by Jesus Christ. This is what God calls us to be, welcoming and affirming.

<sup>33</sup> *When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. <sup>34</sup> The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 19:33-34 NRSV)*

The Rev. Dr. Javier Alanis, Executive Director of Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, invites us to consider this, "no one is monolingual. We all speak the language of the Holy Spirit".

El Señor todopoderoso y misericordioso - el Padre, el Hijo, y el Espíritu Santo - nos bendiga y nos guarde. Amén.  
(Almighty and merciful God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – bless you and keep you. Amen.)

**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Mary Rennebohm
- 3 Jane Honeyman
- 3 Corey Fusick
- 5 Nancy Skirvin
- 6 Katharine Weber
- 8 Joni Fusick
- 9 Adam Cornutt
- 18 Sally Brown
- 20 Sharon Larsen
- 21 Chris Stell
- 22 Herb Brandt
- 24 Ian Lambie
- 25 Cathy Renken
- 26 Brian Larson
- 26 Emery Rohde
- 27 Jan Cornutt
- 30 Emilie Cunningham
- 31 Don Knutsen
- 31 Adam Klein
- 31 Sherman Case

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 2 Laurel & Kip Aszman
- 3 Tim & Sara Lagasse
- 8 Roger & Cindy Heikens
- 11 Mark & Tracie Henninger
- 15 George & Leanne Klein
- 16 Thad & Laurel Clifton
- 26 Emery Rohde & Ruth Kretzinger
- 29 Brian & Marnie Larson
- 31 Bill & Danielle Johnstone

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect.



**BIRTHDAY CARDS**

You may have received a birthday card from your CTK friends in the past years. We want to make you aware that every Sunday birthday cards are set out on a table in the narthex for you to sign and then they are sent out in the next week to those with birthdays coming up. Please make an effort to stop by the table and wish your friends at CTK a "Happy Birthday".

**WHAT ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT?**

Are you curious about Lutheran doctrine? Liturgical practices? The Old Testament Prophets? The Apostle Paul? Why do bad things happen? Spiritual development and practices? We are beginning to build our Christian Education program based on what YOU want to study. Share your ideas and your passion with Pastor Dorothy so that we can spend the summer preparing a vibrant education program to begin in September.



**NEW PAVEMENT**

You may have noticed that our upper parking lot has been repaired, seal coated and striped. Our thanks to Coast Paving for doing this work at a greatly reduced cost and to Tri-met for contributing \$1500 to help with the cost.

Property & Grounds

**THANK YOU NOTE**

CTK Prayer Shawl Group - You're such a blessing in so many ways. Thanks to all of you for the beautiful prayer shawl. It helps me when I need that extra hug and my shoulders. Also for saying my name in your service. Thanks so much. Grace and Peace, Terry Bunday

**NOTES ABOUT OUR YOUTH**

Congratulations to **Annika Stollberg** who was chosen Athlete of the Week for Tigard Tigers in the June 2, 2016 edition of the Tigard Times. Way to go Annika!

**Adam Klein** is looking for customers for a pressure washing business he has started. He will donate 10% of all proceeds to CTK. If you could use his services, contact Adam at 503-354-4722 or [kleinadam47@gmail.com](mailto:kleinadam47@gmail.com)

Congratulations to **Rachel Doss** on her graduation from Southridge High School.

**Middle School & High School Students Exploring World Religions**

The youth have begun to explore a variety of religions. We visited the Baha'i Center of Beaverton on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will visit the Muslim Education Trust Center on July 12<sup>th</sup> and a Jewish synagogue. All Middle School and High School students are welcome to join us for this important inter-religious dialogue. Tuesday mornings, 10am to noon, July 12, 19 and 26. For more information contact Pastor Dorothy. Better yet, ask our young people about their experience.

**Spiritual Gifts Assessment**

On May 22nd, worshipers were given the ELCA Spiritual Gifts Assessment to take home for completion. What spiritual gifts do you possess? How can you use those gifts for the mission of God's Kingdom in this place? If you did not receive an assessment and would like to complete one, you can download it from Christ the King's website or request one via email [ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com](mailto:ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com)

**Blessing of the Gardens  
June 12, 2016**



**COMING IN SEPTEMBER!**

A group of 8 – 10 members of Christ the King will begin a 40 Day exercise in prayer and relationship building. “Unbinding the Gospel” is a program intended for congregations who desire to deepen their spirituality and unleash their potential for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The program unfolds in three phases. Are you interested in becoming a part of this? Contact Pastor Dorothy or Jane Hershberger. Pray for the members who will embark on phase one and stay tuned for broader involvement when we begin phase two.

**RECONCILED IN CHRIST**

Sunday, June 12, as we gathered in peace for worship, we had just learned of the terrible massacre of so many people from the LGBTQ community in Florida. Our hearts are startled and grieved by this assault upon a targeted part of our people. The ELCA bishop from the Florida-Bahama Synod issued a statement... Bishop Schaefer states in part: “There is an entire generation that needs to hear a

clear and uncompromising word from the church. Every human being shares in the image of God and, therefore, shares the same dignity without regard to racial or ethnic distinction, family status, age, economic status, gender, sexual orientation or differing abilities. Period” That synod had just completed its assembly with the theme: “LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS” Amos 5:24

I want to make you aware that your council since our retreat in February have been gathering information about CTK becoming a RIC (Reconciled in Christ) designated congregation. The thrust of designation RIC is to be welcoming to all people in an affirming and open manner. Particularly people of the LGBTQ community, offering a safe and welcoming space for worship, ministry and service. There are about 20 ELCA congregations in Oregon that are RIC joining with over 600 nationwide. In addition there are over 400 congregations on the journey toward the RIC designation. We became aware at the retreat that even though the Oregon ELCA has had this outreach to the LGBTQ community for 42 years and the focused study for congregations about 10 years, there was another step to be examined. I will present to the council in July our findings about this process and the council will vote on whether to move ahead and bring this to our congregation for study and consideration. This is a slow process that we would work thru over a period of time, bringing o the congregation many resources and information, culminating in a vote of the congregation to become a Reconciled in Christ Church. Nancy Skirvin, VP Council

**CROWNICLE GOING ONLINE**

It is a good thing to keep up with the ever changing modern technology. We believe it is time to save on postage and paper and start sending our monthly

newsletter out by email. We understand that not everyone has email, or, even if they do, still prefer a paper copy. This change will not take place for a couple more months, but we wanted to give you a heads up on it. You will have some time to contact the church office and let us know your preference. If we already have your email on file you will start receiving the Crownicle only by email unless you contact us. If we don't have an email for you we will send you one by regular “snail mail”. Please call or email the church office to update us with your email address if it has changed [ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com](mailto:ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com).

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**TRANSFERRING MEMBERSHIP**  
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**MORTGAGE BURNING PARTY!!!!**

**Sunday, July 31, 2016  
Worship, 3pm**

**Special Guest Preacher  
Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke**

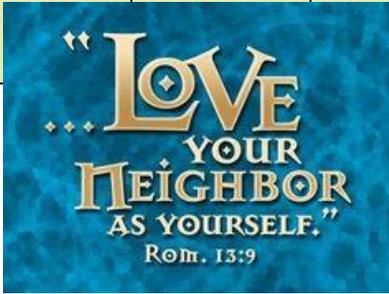
**Barbeque and fellowship following.  
Meat and drinks provided.  
Please bring a side-dish to share.**

**IT'S GOING TO BE HUGE!**



JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 9 am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day  OFFICE CLOSED  	<b>5</b>  7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>7</b>  7-9 pm Vineyard Small Group	<b>8</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>9</b>  7-11 am Vineyard Men's Breakfast
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         Pastor Dorothy Vacation July 5-11                     </div>						
<b>10</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b> CTK Potluck	<b>11</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp  6pm Spiritual Growth Group 7 pm Council	<b>12</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp 10am-noon High School World Religions 7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp  6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>14</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp  7-9 pm Vineyard Small Group	<b>15</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>18</b>  6 pm Spiritual Growth Group	<b>19</b> 10-noon High School World Religions Study  7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	<b>20</b>  6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>21</b>  7-9 pm Vineyard Small Group	<b>22</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b> Crownicle Deadline	<b>25</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp  6 pm Spiritual Growth Group	<b>26</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp 10-noon High School World Religions Study 7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	<b>27</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp  6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>28</b> 9-noon Preschool Camp  6:30 pm Exec. Mtg 7-9 pm Vineyard Small Group	<b>29</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>  3 pm Mortgage Burning Party						



CTK OFFICE HOURS  
 MONDAY-FRIDAY  
 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM  
  
 AUGUST NEWSLETTER  
 DEADLINE: SUN., JULY 24

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**Sunday Services**

10:30 am Worship  
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